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1. ANNOUNCER: There is one man at least who cannot be accused of not seeing
 2. the forest for the trees in it. That's the forest ranger.
 3/ A forest ranger, you see, must concern himself in his work with all
 4. resources on the forest land in his care : the land itself, the soil,
 5. trees, range, water, wildlife, recreation. His concern is for all these t
 6. things rather than for any one of them. It is the forest ranger's
 7. responsibility to so plan his work as to bring about full productivity
 8. of his forest for the benefit of many rather than for a few...for the
 9. "greatest good of the greatest number of people in the long run," as the
 10. Forest Service mottoe puts it. That's why his plans are long range plans -
 11. with principal yields to be obtained in the future even as he strives to
 12. render all possible services in the present. So, in a way, your forest
 13. ranger is still a pioneer. His is an idealistic job - his pleasure and his
 14. recompense come from his daily work in an inspiring environment and from
 15. the treasured knowledge that he is guaranteeing the presence of
 16. productive forests for future generations.

17. But now it's time to join our friends on the Pine Cone
 18. National Forest. As we look in at the Ranger Station we find Ranger
 19. Jim Robbins and his assistant, Jerry Quick trying to catch up with some
 20. of the office work. Jim is busy writing a letter and Jerry is going
 21. over the morning mail from the Supervisor's office. Here they are

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1. JERRY: Here's another follow-up card, Jim. (FALSETTO) "Please
 2. forward your annual grazing report immediately. This report
 3. was due..." and so forth. (STRAIGHT) Say, those folks
 4. must think we've got nothing to do but sit here in this office
 5. and let the field work go hang. Makes a fellow mad, doesn't
 6. it, Jim....I said it makes a fellow mad, doesn't it, Jim?
 7. JIM: Huh? What did you say, Jerry? Sorry, I wasn't listening.
 8. JERRY: That's all right, Jim/ Nothing important.
 9. JIM: Jerry, flip those calendar pages over, will yuh? Looks
 10. like we're behind a couple days.
 11. JERRY: Sure, Jim. (RUSTLE PAPER) There you are.
 12. JIM: GLUMLY Yeah, I might have known. There's the reason.
 13. Friday the 13th...This is going to be a swell day for me
 14. all right...a swell day.
 15. JERRY: Jim, I'd never have believed it. No sir.
 16. JIM: You'd never have believed what?
 17. JERRY: THAT you were superstitious. Jim Robbins, of all people,
 18. superstitious.
 19. JIM: I'm not superstitious. Not exactly. But on the other hand I
 20. don't remember that any Friday the thirteenth ever brought me
 21. any particular luck. Take today for instance. You know
 22. what was in that letter Bess got this morning?
 23. JERRY: It was from her sister, in Oak Ridge, wasn't it?
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JIM: Yeah. It was a summons. That's what it was. A summons/
 Elsie's down with the grippe or something and she needs
 Bess to help out with the youngsters a week or so. She's
 gotta leave tonight. There's your Friday the thirteenth, see.
 An' that probably won't be all that goes wrong today either.

JERRY: Well, I know one fellow who's in his glory today, anyway.
 You could take a lesson or two from him, Jim.

JIM: Who's that?

JERRY: A school-mate of mine. Name's Bill Henderson. He's with
 the Forest Service down South. Thirteen's his lucky number.

JIM: Yeah?

JERRY: To begin with, there's thirteen letters in his name. You
 see, four letters in Bill and nine in Henderson. That's
 thirteen. He works with the Forest Service. Thirteen
 letters. His wife was born on a Friday the 13th. Her
 name is Anne Henderson. Thirteen letters.

JIM: An' I suppose you'll tell me they were married on the
 thirteenth.

JERRY: No. They were married on the thirty-first, which is 13 in
 reverse. And that's not all, Jim. Bill's got a son, too.
 Name's Gene. Gene Henderson. Thirteen letters. And the
 son was born on ...

JIM: All right, all right ... Bill Henderson's a lucky fellow.
 And Friday the 13th is his lucky day. What's that got to do
 with me? You can't stretch Jim Robbins to thirteen letters. I wish now
 I hadn't told you to tear those calendar pages

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JIM: (CONTINUED) I'd 've felt better if I hadn't known what ...
 (TELEPHONE RINGS) There's the telephone and more hard luck,
 I bet. (RECEIVER OFF) Hello...Jim Robbins talking...
 Who? Oh yes, Tom Fendergast...Hello, Tom...what's that...
 Say, that's fine...Oh, I didn't do so much. You fellows
 turned the trick yourself...Yes, indeed...You bet. Be
 glad to help all I can. Mighty glad you called... Yes,
 sure will... Goodbye, Tom. (HANGS UP)

JERRY: Say, Tom's president of the Willow Glen Junior Chamber of
 Commerce, isn't he, Jim? What did he want?

JIM: Tom call me to tell me the Junior Chamber of Commerce has put
 over that community forest for Willow Glen. The city's
 going to set aside 120 acres, and plant trees on the area, and
 build up a fine little forest.

JERRY: Say, that's great, Jim. You worked hard on that project.
 You ought to feel mighty good about its going through...
 An' say...by george, you know somethin'? I've been
 figuring here. There's thirteen letters in Tom Fendergast's
 name. Now, what about Friday, the 13th?

JIM: You still harping on that 13 letter business? Well, it's
 good news all right... that new community forest...but it
 doesn't change the fact that Bess's going off for a whole
 week or more.

JERRY: Still got the blues, huh, Jim?... (DOOR OPENS) Oh hello,
 Mrs. Robbins. Say, Jim's sure down in the dumps today. It's Friday, the
 13th.

1. BESS: (COMING UP) Why Jim, what if it is Friday the 13th?

2. JERRY: It's on account of you, Mrs. Robbins. That letter you got.

3. JIM: Never mind, Jerry....

4. JERRY: Nothin' doing. I think Mrs. Robbins ought to know...Your

5. going away tonight, and for a whole week, it's got Jim

6. down. He blames it all on Friday the 13th.

7. BESS: That's silly, Jim. You and Jerry can get along without me

8. for a while.

9. JIM: I'm not looking forward to it. Jerry cooked last year, you

10. remember, when you were gone. Took me a month to get

11. straightened back to normal after you got back, Bess.

12. BESS:: Oh, it wasn't that bad, Jim.

13. JERRY: 'Course it wasn't. It was pretty good cooking. I'd say.

14. An' besides, maybe the Fates decided I ought to get another

15. crack at cooking for a while. It's good experience.

16. JIM: Might be all right for you, maybe. But I'm the one that'll

17. suffer...Friday the 13th. Huh?

18. JERRY: Just listen to him, Mrs. Robbins. And just now he learned

19. that his pet project for the community forest down in Willow

20. Glen went through, too.

21. BESS: What was that, Jerry?

22. JERRY: Willow Glen's starting a community forest after all.

23. BESS: Oh, Jim. And you worked so hard convincing them of the

24. value of a community owned forest. And now they're really

25. going to start one. Jim Robbins, you listen to me...

26. MARY: (OFF) Hello, hello! Where is everybody?

1. JERRY: It's Mary. (CALLS) We're all in here, Mary. In the office.

2. MARY: (FADING IN) All right. Hello, Mrs. Robbins.

3. BESS: Hello, Mary.

4. MARY: Hello, Mrs. Robbins. Well, isn't this a nice happy gathering?

5. JIM: What are you doing away from school this time of day, Mary?

6. JERRY: Say, what kind of a greeting is that, Jim? Don't mind him, Mary.

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8. MARY: Why, what's the matter?

9. JERRY: It's just the Friday the 13th, and Jim's got it bad. Happy gathering, my eye.

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11. MARY: Why, Mr. Robbins. I didn't think you were superstitious.

12. JERRY: That's what I told him, Mary.

13. BESS: He's not superstitious, Mary. He's upset because I have to go to my sister's home for a week or so. Elsie's sick and needs my help. He's just blaming it on today, that's all.

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16. MARY: Well, the news I brought ought to make him feel better. I just came from Andy Goodman's store. Our new school books are in. And we've finally got our Forestry textbooks. I just saw one.

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20. JERRY: You mean the one Prof. Stewart wrote?

21. MARY: Yes, Jerry.

22. BESS: Professor Stewart? That name's familiar. Why, of course, you worked with him last summer didn't you, Jim?

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1. JERRY: I'll say he worked with him. Why, Jim practically gave him
 3. all his information about the Forest Service and a ranger's
 5. work in the National Forests. Even helped him get some of
 7. his pictures. How did the book turn out, Mary? Jim
 9. doubted if the Prof would ever finish it, let alone publish
 11. it.

13. MARY: It's really a fine textbook, Jerry. In story form so the
 15. youngsters will love it. And there's a good many fine
 17. pictures in it, too. Some taken right here on the Pine
 19. Cone National Forest.

21. BESS: Isn't that fine, Jim?

23. JIM: Yeah, I guess so.

25. JERRY: Aw, don't mind him. Tell us some more about this Forestry
 27. book, Mary.

29. MARY: I understand it's to be used in all the schools all over the
 31. State and might even be used in other states in this region.
 33. But I've saved the best feature until last.

35. JERRY: There's a school teacher for you. Just like she tells her
 37. kids about writing compositions. Gotta keep the climax
 39. 'till the end. Come on, Mary. Tell us.

41. BESS: She will if you give her a chance, Jerry.

43. MARY: It's the very first illustration in the book, Mrs. Robbins.
 45. The frontispiece. It's a beautiful picture...stop
 47. frowning, Jerry...I'm telling you about it as fast as I can.
 49. It's a picture of a ranger and his horse.

1. BESS: You mean Jim and Dolly, Mary?

2. MARY: Yes, Mrs. Robbins. And it's a lovely picture. Mr. Robbins

3. looks so grand on Dolly; he looks, well sort of like a

4. knight, a modern knight.

5. JERRY: (LAUGHS) Sir Jim of the Pine Cone, huh? But, say, isn't

6. that great, Jim? You're famous. Now what do you think

7. ab out Friday the 13th.

8. JIM: Well, I'm glad Stewart finally got the book finished, of course

9. but we'd have heard about it sooner or later.

10. JERRY: AW! it doesn't mean a thing to you that your work has

11. materialized into a concrete book to educate youngsters? Or

12. that your picture is gonna be an inspiration for boys and

13. girls all over the State?

14. MARY: That's a pretty speech, Jerry. And YOU're right. It would

15. certainly make me proud to know I had a part in a thing like

16. that.

17. JERRY: Well, it's no use. Jim's still sore at Friday the 13th,

18. looks like...

19. MARY: Oh say, I almost forgot. In my handbag here...The postmaster

20. asked me to bring this letter along. He said he missed it

21. when you got the rest of the mail this morning...

22. JERRY: Thanks, Mary. (SOUND OF TEARING ENVELOPE)It's a

23. personnel memorandum, Jim...Ha-m-m-m. It's for you.

24. JIM: More bad news, I s'pose, huh? Here, let me see it.

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2. JERRY: No sir, not yet. I want Mrs. Robbins to see this, first.
3. It's a memorandum from the forest supervisor.
4. JIM: Why bother Bess with more bad news, Jerry?
5. BESS: What is it, Jerry? Is it really bad news?
6. JERRY: Well, s'pose I read it. Listen you folks...Mary, Mrs.
7. Robbins...It says: (CLEARS THROAT) Memorandum for Forest
8. Ranger, Pine Cone National ...
9. JIM: Go on, go on, you can skip all that.
10. JERRY: (DEEP) "It gives me great pleasure to advise you that in
11. view of your fine work and accomplishments during the past
12. year, you are being recommended for a step up in your salary
13. grade. It is felt that even though your new salary rating
14. will not go into effect until the first of the new year, you
15. should be advised...."
16. BESS: Why, Jim! It's a promotion! Isn't that wonderful! Jim,
17. I'm so proud.
18. JERRY: Boy, oh boy, that ought ot make you happy, Jim! Raise in
19. salary! GOLLY!
20. JIM: (MELLOWED) Well, that is pretty nice, all right. The extra
21. money'll come in handy, of course. But it's especially
22. that a fellow likes to know he's doin' his job.
23. MARY: I'm awfully glad, too, Mr. Robbins. And I know you
24. deserved it, every bit.
25. JIM: Thanks, Mary.

1. BESS: Just think, Jim, now we can...Why, Jim, what in the world are
 2. you doing?
 3. MARY: Why, he's putting a big red circle around the thirteen on
 4. the calendar.
 5. JIM: (CHUCKLING) Yes, sir. I guess I'll have to admit this is
 6. a red letter day for me, all right.
 7. JERRY: Oh boy. So you finally admit it's a lucky day, huh, Jim?
 8.Hey, look out! The waste basket's right behind you!
 9. (LOUD CRASH)
 10. BESS: Oh Jim! You fell over the waste basket...Are you hurt, Jim?
 11. JIM: (GROUCHY AGAIN) Barked my shin, doggone it... Well,
 12. might've known something like that'd happen...Friday the
 13. thirteenth...
 14. MUSIC: FINALE
 15. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers comes to you Each Friday over the
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 17. Broadcasting Company with the cooperation of the Forest
 18. Service, United States Department of Agriculture.
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